Industrial Employees Benefited from ESI in J and K and Rajasthan

574. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of industrial employees, benefited from the Employees State Insurance Scheme in Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the percentage of increase in the number of beneficiaries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): The number of employees covered under the ESI scheme in the state of Rajasthan increased from 2,34,100 in March 1996 to 2,92,250 in March 1999 registering an increase of 24.84 percent in coverage during this period. In Jammu and Kashmir, the number of employees covered under the ESI scheme increased from 11,900 in March 1996 to 17,450 in March 1999 marking an increase of 46.64%.

Pending compensation cases of labourers in Courts

575. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of compensation cases of labourers are pending before the Labour Courts;

(b) if so, what is the actual number of such cases and since when these cases are pending; and

(c) what are the details of the measures being evolved for speedy disposal of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.